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From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 4:30:25 PM
Subject: RE: hearing stuff

Hi all,

We are juggling schedules and availability and I will get back to you as soon as I have a time to offer. In the meantime, please review the information that Raquel Snyder sent yesterday which contains a lot of the background you were looking for:

For more in information, please visit EPA's website on Gold King:
<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

For the latest information, photos, and the data as they become available, visit the [Gold King Mine Blowout Incident](#) page of the EPA On-Scene Coordinator.

Thanks,

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From: McCarthy, David [mailto:David.McCarthy@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:13 AM
To: Vaught, Laura

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Subject: RE: hearing stuff

Thanks, Laura. Carolyn, our day is filling up but we can rearrange some things for this. Chairman Upton has called and has specific questions he'd like answers to. Thanks. Dave

From: Vaught, Laura [<mailto:Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:49 PM
To: McCarthy, David
Cc: Levine, Carolyn
Subject: RE: hearing stuff

Hi Dave – thanks for the note – I'm looping in Carolyn Levine to help set up a briefing. As you might imagine, we're getting lots of request, so appreciate your willingness to perhaps expand the universe on that one.

From: McCarthy, David [<mailto:David.McCarthy@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
Subject: hearing stuff

Laura - Thanks to you and the Prez for enacting the algae bill. Mr. Latta is happy that it's finally done. We are scheduling (not yet announcing) a September 11 hearing on CERCLA. It's oversight (not on a bill). We were focusing on the Federal facilities issue that we've looked out in a prior Congress, but now we are getting questions on the Colorado Animas River issue, so we can't tell yet if that will also come up then.

We do need a primer on the Colorado issue. We have lots of questions that are not answered by press accounts we've googled or by the EPA webinar that we sat in on today. We're happy to do a bi-par, even bi-cam briefing and if everyone who knows the issue is out of town we could even do a conference call. But we prefer to get EPA's explanation before we start making statements, etc. (which we are experiencing a lot of pressure to do). Please call anytime. Personal Phone/Ex. 6 Thanks so much. Dave